

## CEDAR CITY (UTAH) <sup>[174]</sup>

### ORDINANCES, 1853-1956.

1 microfilm reel

**DESCRIPTION:** According to Utah law, the governing body of each municipality shall exercise its legislative powers through ordinances. The governing body may pass any ordinance to regulate, require, prohibit, govern, control or supervise any activity, business, or condition authorized by law. (Utah Code, 1988, 10-3-701-702). Ordinances relate to public utilities, city departments and officials, city finances, business licenses, building codes and etc. Ordinances passed since 1956 have been regularly codified and have not been kept in a separate file.

In the first book of Cedar City ordinances the city council defined the duties of local officials, established a police department, established ward and school district boundaries, defined disturbing the peace and set regulations for tobacco, alcohol, profanity and the use of fire arms. They authorized certain individuals to operate mills, and made provisions for collecting taxes.

In a succeeding ordinance book the council established regulations for irrigation and culinary water, established salaries for city officials, created a board of health, and established contracts or franchises for telephone service, electricity and water works. They passed ordinances regulating the issue of bonds, collecting taxes, and regulating liquor sales.

In the third book (labeled Ordinance Book 2) the city council provided for a railroad right of way and for the registering and licensing of dogs. They also passed ordinances regulating water districts and the sale of tobacco.

The last Cedar City ordinance book contains ordinances regulating bowling alleys, liquor and tobacco sales, dogs, and water use.

Loose pages at the end of the compiled books include ordinances regulating fires, water use,

restaurants, places of amusement, liquor and tobacco sales, dogs, peddlers, petroleum production, traffic on the public streets, house trailers, sewers, garbage collection, cattle, and tree removal. They also contain ordinances providing for the election and salaries of city officials, ordinances providing for the management of the city cemetery, and franchises for telephone and electric service. The city council established the cost of various licences, adopted a plumbing code, and established taxi service for the city. They appropriated funds for various projects and adopted building codes. The City council created a zoning commission and board of adjustment in June 1941 and passed a city planning ordinance in December 1945.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Before 1923 ordinances were recorded in record books in which they were roughly arranged in chronological order. After 1923 ordinances were recorded on loose pages. Ordinances passed 1923-1925 were microfilmed at the end of Ordinance Book 2. Ordinances passed 1926-1956 were microfilmed at the end of all four ordinance books in seemingly random order. In some cases ordinances relating to particular subjects have been grouped together because revisions were filed with the previous ordinance.

**RESEARCH NOTE:** Designated titles on the ordinance record books were obtained from earlier deaccessioned microfilm copies. Currently, the books have been microfilmed one after another without consistent identification.

**RELATED RECORDS:** Codified ordinances for Cedar City have been periodically published and are found in CODIFIED ORDINANCES, series 23573. Ordinances passed since 1956 have been regularly codified and have not been kept in a separate file. Cedar City CITY COUNCIL MINUTES, series 85021, summarize the discussion at city council meetings. The city council is responsible to exercise the community's legislative and executive powers.

**PROCESSING NOTE:** Cedar City ordinances were microfilmed at Southern Utah University under the direction of Utah State Archives in May 2001 and processed in December 2001 by Rosemary Cundiff. Previously microfilmed copies of the ordinance books were deaccessioned in processing.

**PREFERRED CITATION:** Cite the Utah State Archives and Records Service, the creating agency name, the series title, and the series number.

**GAPS:** This series contains no ordinances for the years 1857 and 1858 or for the years 1860 to 1900.

## CONTAINER LIST

<b>Reel</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	Ordinance Book 1 (1853-1856, 1859)
1	Ordinance Book (1900-1907)
1	Ordinance Book 2 (1907-1909)
1	loose ordinances (1923-1925)
1	Ordinance Record (1909-1923)
1	loose ordinances (1926-1956)